
By: **Delegates Cane, Bozman, Conway, Eckardt, Elmore, and Haddaway (By Request)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Tasting and Sampling**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Liquor Control Board of Wicomico County to hold
4 wine tasting and sampling promotional events in the county liquor dispensaries
5 under certain circumstances; specifying certain limitations on the amount of
6 wine that may be served and the number of bottles that may be opened at an
7 event; limiting the number of days during which events may be held in any
8 12-month period in the county; prohibiting the mixture of contents of bottles;
9 prohibiting events conducted using a drive-through window; and generally
10 relating to wine tasting and sampling events in Wicomico County.

11 BY adding to
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 15-205(m)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

19 15-205.

20 (M) IN WICOMICO COUNTY, THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY HOLD WINE
21 TASTING AND SAMPLING PROMOTIONAL EVENTS IN COUNTY LIQUOR DISPENSARIES
22 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

23 (1) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY NOT SERVE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
24 MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM EACH BRAND AT AN EVENT;

25 (2) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES THAT MAY BE OPENED AT ANY ONE TIME
26 AT AN EVENT MAY NOT EXCEED SIX;

1 (3) THE NUMBER OF DAYS DURING WHICH EVENTS ARE CONDUCTED IN
2 THE COUNTY MAY NOT EXCEED 15 IN ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD;

3 (4) ONCE OPENED, EACH BOTTLE USED FOR AN EVENT SHALL BE
4 MARKED THAT IT IS TO BE USED ONLY FOR THAT PURPOSE;

5 (5) THE CONTENTS OF EACH BOTTLE MAY NOT BE MIXED WITH THE
6 CONTENTS OF ANY OTHER BOTTLE, AND ALL BOTTLES SHALL BE DESTROYED ONCE
7 THEY ARE EMPTY; AND

8 (6) WINE TASTING AND SAMPLING MAY BE CONDUCTED FOR
9 ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY AND MAY NOT BE CONDUCTED USING A
10 DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2005.